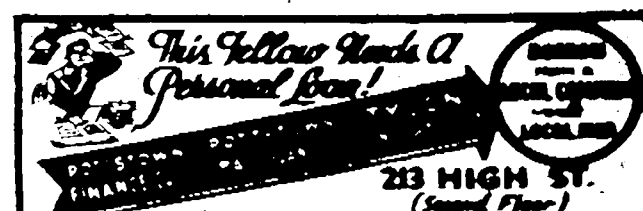


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KEY GOP FIGURE SEES TAX BOOST BY DEMOCRATS

Rep. Martin Predicts
Greater Levy; Promises
To Aid Helpful Measures

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said today that under the Democrats, it appears there will be "more instead of less taxes."

Earlier a Democratic member of the House committee that writes tax bills, Rep. Eberhart of Pennsylvania, predicted higher taxes for those with larger incomes, lower ones for the low income groups.

Martin told reporters that "if we are going to spend we can't reduce taxes."

Eberhart suggested to a reporter that President Truman, in order not to reduce government revenue, will revive his excess profits tax proposal. However, some of those close to the President have let it be known they don't favor this.

On legislation generally, Martin said he will co-operate with Democrats on proposals he deems necessary, adding:

"We will justify ourselves as a loyal opposition."

AT THE SAME TIME, he made clear his stand that the show is now up to the Truman administration, saying:

"I can't believe that Mr. Truman can fail to get anything if he really wants it. I would expect that he would have no difficulty."

In taking on the role of "loyal opposition," Martin said the Republicans won't disclose just what they will oppose until Mr. Truman gives his legislative message to the new, Democratic-dominated Congress next January.

But both Martin and Rep. Amden (R-Ill.) emphasized that the Republicans in Congress do not intend to be "obstructionists."

Martin steps down as speaker next Jan. 3 when Democrats take over control of the House which they lost to Republicans in the 1946 elections. On the same day, Amden loses his job as majority whip, a post of leadership when the GOP was in the saddle.

MARTIN WOULD NOT comment in detail on suggestions that the GOP defeat may mean a change in party leadership in Congress.

He said there is a need for more enthusiasm and an injection of "new blood," with newer members of Congress being given a more dominant voice in party councils.

"It would be a good thing all over," he said, for the party to get "closer to the people."

"I presume there'll have to be some kind of reorganization in the party," he added. "After you get beat in an election you have to talk things over and formulate your program."

Recreation Group Formed to Increase Activities at Bethany

The "Bethany Recreation association" was formed last night by a group of Pottstownians who decided that Bethany center, at Beech and Grant streets, should be the scene of more extensive recreation activities.

Their purpose is to help provide volunteer leadership for programs at the center on a "year-round" basis, in co-operation with the Pottstown Recreation commission, which owns the center, and the YMCA Extension division, which conducts many of its programs there.

No specific recreational programs were planned last night, but officers were elected, committees formed and a second meeting planned for Monday night at 8 o'clock in the center.

THE OFFICERS include Porter E. Beasley, president; Mrs. Joseph J. Yohn, vice president; Mrs. Richard Ricketts, secretary; Walter Weaver, assistant secretary; Mrs. Daniel James, treasurer; and Mrs. Minnie Sutton, chaplain.

Francis Donnon, Pottstown's recreation director, who attended last night's meeting to advise the group, remarked: "We sincerely need the help of this entire neighborhood if we're going to have a real program develop here."

YMCA extension division programs will be co-ordinated with those of the Bethany Recreation association, Donnon declared.

THE WEATHER
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Increasing cloudiness and mild today. Occasional rain tomorrow.

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High Antics Low	
TEMPERATURE EXTREMES	
Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:	
4 A. M.	39
5 A. M.	38
6 A. M.	37
7 A. M.	36
8 A. M.	35
9 A. M.	34
10 A. M.	33
11 A. M.	32
12 M. M.	31
1 P. M.	30
2 P. M.	29
3 P. M.	28
4 P. M.	27

Blind Woman, Dog Reunited



Mrs. Dorothy Biery, 25, of Bell Gardens, Calif., who is blind, smiles as she pets her dog "Happy" after they were reunited in Chicago. She was taking the dog home with her from the Master Eye Foundation, Minneapolis, when it disappeared a week ago. She told police the dog had been purchased for her by Hollywood stars Frank Sinatra and Don Ameche, and that she planned to share the animal with her blind husband, John, a real estate salesman. Her two-year-old son, Terry, sits on her lap. (AP Wirephoto.)

Rep. Thomas Indicted For Payroll Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (A)—A Federal grand jury today indicted Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ.) for alleged conspiracy to pad his Congressional office payrolls by setting up a list of "fictitious" employees.

The 53-year-old New Jersey legislator, who was re-elected in the past Tuesday's election, is the retiring chairman of the House committee on un-American activities.

Court officials said that if convicted on all charges, Thomas would face a possible maximum sentence of 32 years in prison, \$40,000 in fines or both.

Congressional authorities agreed, however, that his status as a member of the House would be left entirely to the decision of that body. The House is the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

THE JURY ALSO indicted Thomas' former secretary, Miss Helen Campbell, on charges that she joined with the lawmaker in the alleged conspiracy, involving accusations of salary "kickbacks." The plot, the jury said, was to "defraud the United States of its money and property" over a five-year period from Jan. 1, 1940 to Jan. 30, 1945.

Miss Campbell was accused only of conspiracy. Thomas was accused of conspiracy and also of committing 34 "overt acts" in filing allegedly false claims for payment against the government. In addition, Thomas

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Cloudy, Mild Weather Forecast for Today

Saturday's weather was enough to clog the mind of any football fan, but yesterday was a day to bring out the Monday morning quarterback.

Stimulating brisk the sun shone all day amid crisp temperatures varying between 36 and 58. It was perfect Fall weather.

Lethargy may stage a comeback today, however, with the weatherman's prediction of cloudy and mild. Tomorrow will feature occasional rain, he said.

Linfield Boy, 6, Is Hospitalized When Hit by or Thrown From Car

A six-year-old Linfield boy was injured yesterday afternoon when he was pitched from or brushed by a car.

Ivan F. Yale Jr. was in the Phoenixville hospital last night under observation after being cut over the right eye and scraped along his right side.

His father, Ivan Sr., explained that he had been rolling his car over a stone under one of the wheels when the accident occurred at 5:30 o'clock.

HE WAS STANDING on the road just outside their home on Mill road. On hand was on the steering wheel, the other on the open car door. As soon as the car had rolled over the stone, Yale planned to jump in and halt it. The engine was not running.

The father said he had stopped the car after a glide of ten or 15 feet and heard his son crying. He

had checked, he said, to be sure the boy was not in front of the car before pushing.

The boy was lying on the cinder road with his face and right side of his body scraped and bruised.

Whisking him into his car, Yale sped to the Royersford office of Dr. Edward S. Croeland who stitched up the cut and recommended that he be taken to the hospital. X-rays will be taken today to determine if he is suffering a concussion or internal injuries.

YALE'S THEORY is that the boy was either riding on the running board of the heavy car and was tossed off when the brakes jerked on or that the boy was too near and was brushed by the rolling vehicle.

Collegeville State police investigated but indicated no charges would be placed.

More Closed Meetings of Council Hinted as Union 'Busting' Is Denied

POTTEIGER NOT FACING OUSTER, DALY DECLARES

Subject Never Discussed,
He Says; Reveals He
Withheld Resignation

Gerald J. Daly, chairman of the highway-safety committee, last night told council flatly that neither he nor his committee ever had considered sacking W. Earl Potteiger, Pottstown's highway superintendent.

Potteiger recently declared that councilmen were gunning for him, and that although he thought of quitting the past summer, "I wouldn't quit for \$1000 now. I'm going to stick this out."

Declared Daly at last night's council session, "I'd like to go on record as stating that we have never in our committee meetings discussed discharging our highway superintendent."

"On the contrary," he continued, "I have withheld a resignation from our highway superintendent in the hope that he would change his mind."

"Mr. Potteiger certainly does not have to fight with the borough to keep his job. If he desires to stay within the borough he is welcome, and if he desires to leave, that's his own affair."

DALY TOLD Potteiger, the committee chairman asserted, that if he (Potteiger) were offered a private job, in a different line of work, paying superior wages, he would not advise him against accepting it.

Potteiger sat silently in the rear of council chambers as Daly made his brief statement to the 18 councilmen.

Council quickly approved the first reading of an ordinance making changes in the borough's zoning ordinance of Aug. 30, 1945. The changes lower restrictions in some residential zones, reduce the extent of the most highly restricted zones, and facilitate the conversion of homes into apartments.

Horace Y. Seidel, chairman of the borough planning and zoning commission, suggested one minor change in the revision schedule and commented: "The planning commission petitions you wholeheartedly to pass these amendments."

Another new ordinance made Bottomwood alley westbound only from Hanover to York street. It was passed on one reading only at the request of Borough Manager Dow I. Sears, who pointed out that it would be difficult to put sign standards in the ground during a winter frost.

Mahlon H. Frick, sixth ward, snapped just before the ordinance was passed. "I'm for it 100 percent, but if the police department doesn't handle it any better than it does now, there's no use passing it."

THE ONLY RESOLUTION pertinent to new streets was one opening

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Ten Mothers Rap 'Levels' At School Board Meeting

By FRED SELBY
(Mercury Staff Writer)

Ten mothers and several Pottstown school board members last night ripped into the "levels" system of teaching in borough schools.

While the delegation of mothers, nine of whom have children in Rupert school, were presenting their case to the board meeting, Dr. Gustav W. Weber, board member, declared flatly of the "levels" system:

"There's something rotten in Denmark, and it's high time something was done about it."

During their 90-minute appearance, the mothers laid down a barrage of complicated and wide-ranging complaints, but their attack centered on these points:

1. The system prevents parents from knowing their children's scholastic status until they already have been adjudged unfit to advance to a higher level.

2. The system, designed partly to eliminate the stigma of old-fashioned "dunking," has instead made the "slow" child more miserably aware of his deficiency.

3. There has been widespread discrimination in the administration of the system.

4. The Corbis reading system has not worked well.

BOARD MEMBERS and Dr. Frank M. Haistion, school superintendent, joined freely in the discussion, but possible action was deferred until the board's next meeting, Dec. 6, which also will see the board's annual reorganization.

Before the delegation of mothers arrived, there were two other major developments at the meeting.

Ralph F. Holloway, board secretary, read a letter from the Federal Housing authority in Washington, D. C., announcing that, until further notice, the

funds paid the board in lieu of taxes on Penn Village homes would be discontinued.

Holloway estimated this would mean a revenue loss to the board of about \$2500 annually.

ON ADVICE FROM Carroll L. Rutger, board solicitor, Holloway was instructed to write the FHA and find out why this action was taken and how long the no-funds situation would exist.

The general feeling among board members was that the board should receive some funds from the Penn Village project.

Leonard Hiltwine, property committee chairman, was given approval to advertise bids for portable steel bleachers, seating about 1150 persons at Pottstown High school home football games.

These bleachers will be paid out of next year's budget, and (Continued on Page Twelve)

BUSH DEFENDS PURPOSES OF SECRET SESSION

Says Councilmen Met
Privately as 'Employers'
To Air Employees' Pleas

By ED ROSENBERG
(Mercury Staff Writer)

Borough councilmen probably will have further private meetings, during which they will discuss their relations with a union of borough employees.

This was predicted at last night's council session by C. Roy Bush, ninth ward, president

of council, who declared that the councilmen had met the past Thursday "as employers," and that he assumed the union would hold similar meetings of its own, also closed to outsiders.

In a statement to council, approved unanimously and read into the minutes of the meeting, Bush also declared that the borough did not oppose a union of highway and

sewer workers, and that the recent layoff of 13 workers was seasonal and necessary if the borough was to keep within its budget.

He asserted: "I think it is important at this time to make the borough's position regarding a union of its employees crystal-clear to the taxpayers of Pottstown; since there have been many conflicting stories regarding our position during the past week. I believe that any statement which I make will be supported by all the members of council."

"Our position is that if our borough employees desire to have (Continued on Page Twelve)

WORKMAN FALLS FROM SCAFFOLD

Berks County Carpenter
Drops Three Stories at
Boyetown, Walks Away

A master carpenter fell three stories down the face of the Boyetown Burial Casket company building yesterday afternoon, got up and walked away.

But Hugo Zintner, of Barto RD, 42-year-old batchelor employee of the company, did not go unscathed.

In Reading hospital, doctors found he suffered a broken left arm, cuts and bruises of the forehead and face and right arm and possible internal injuries.

The carpenter's 40-foot fall from a brick driveway was broken by a jutting piece of the scaffold on which he was working. His arm was broken, fellow workers believed, when he struck this.

ZINTNER HAD been working on the scaffold on construction of gangways joining two of the buildings. Fellow workers thought he either walked too close to the end of the scaffold and toppled over or fell when a loose board gave under his step.

Immediately after the fall, Zintner rose dazedly and began walking away. Friends grabbed him and hurried him to the plant dispensary where he was given first aid.

A Boyetown Community ambulance sped the injured man to the hospital.

The accident occurred at 3:30 o'clock.

Party Host Arrives Late To Find House Ablaze

Because he was late to his own party, Charles S. Nagle, Wilson street and Burdian drive, last night probably saved his house from burning down.

The fire, blazing fiercely in the basement of his home when he discovered it, destroyed furniture and fixtures and scorched the walls and ceilings of the furnace room.

Nagle said he had returned home from a Rotary club meeting in Boyetown. He and his wife were giving a birthday party for Charles J. Custer, Wilson and Highland road, and about ten guests had arrived.

Parking his car in the garage, Nagle was walking across the yard when violent flames inside the cellar window met his eye.

The guests, in the living room in the opposite wing of the home, were unaware of the fire.

"It looked like an inferno," said Nagle. He called the fire companies instantly. "Five minutes later and the house would have been done for," he declared.

TWO PUMPERS from the Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine company and a pumper and the ladder truck from the Empire Hook and Ladder company subdued the flames.

Although two chairs, a table and several picture frames were the only items of value destroyed, Nagle said he believed that smoke and water damage and scorching of the walls and a basement bathroom would increase the damage considerably. (Continued on Page Twelve)

Sky Writers Answer Riddle Of Unknown 'X'

Haley's Comet? Weird cloud formations? Or something out of this world?

You could have taken your pick of the speculations caused by two sky-writing planes which streaked over Pottstown just before noon yesterday.

Superman could not have caused as much excitement if he landed in the middle of High and Hanover streets.

Traveling at such high altitudes that they were completely noiseless and almost out of sight, the planes left long streamers of smoke behind them.

ALMOST AT ONCE the smoke trails caused a rush of excited phone calls, several pedestrians stumbled as they craned their heads skyward, and the number of stiff necks this morning should be countless.

The control tower at the Reading municipal airport reported the planes were writing over that city. Their message was large enough to bring them into the sight of North End resident who saw what he described as an "X" in the sky.

High School Band and Drill Team To Sport New Uniforms Thursday

The first appearance of the two units in their new uniforms will be made Thursday morning in the Armistice Day parade.

They will march through town again Saturday on their way to Franklin field for the Pottstown-Bridgeport football game.

When the band was outfitted in 1937, it was planned to replace ten or 15 uniforms each year to keep the band and drill team looking smart. During the war it became impossible to obtain replacements and students were forced to alter and rent the old uniforms each year.

WHITE CADET JACKETS mark both the boys' and girls' uniforms. The boys complete their ensemble with blue trousers with white stripes, and the girls complete theirs with white striped blue skirts. White shakos with blue plumes top off the uniforms.

To make up the difference, Pottstown High students have declared this week Pottstown School Band Booster Week. They are receiving contributions toward the additional costs, giving each donor an attractive booster button in return.

Re-opened under new management, Mansion House Restaurant.

Heat in Winter. Cool in Summer. Mike Raymond, 358 Cherry, Ph. 2231. Self Service Laundry, 800 North Charlotte street. Opens Nov. 15.

Settle for Mem. Hos. Aux. tickets today at Kessler's from 1 to 4. Re-opened under new management, Mansion House Restaurant.

Guaranteed Watch & Clock repairing. M. L. Hoffman, 24 N. Charlotte. Office closed until Nov. 15. Dr. C. W. Hancock. Office open for appointments.

Assorted colors Rytek printed Stationery. Mercury Office.

Rummage sale, YWCA, today, Business Girl's Club.

Nancy Whips Illness, Resumes Exercises

Almost completely recovered from her operation for appendicitis, Nancy Ann Dalgleish, the young spastic girl whom Pottstown took to its heart last Christmas, now has renewed the exercises which are helping her on her way toward a normal, happy womanhood.

Special braces and "duck feet" attachments control the movements of her legs and feet so that she learns to walk in a normal manner.

Stricken from birth with spastic paralysis, Nancy was unable to walk, or speak, or even feed herself. Every movement of her body was the result of a determined effort, since the nerve signals were not passed from her brain to her muscles in the proper manner.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Dalgleish, 48 East Main street, South Pottstown, worked for years trying to help Nancy. Finally, family advisers made further help impossible, and it appeared that Nancy's treatments would have to come to an end.

POTTSTOWN, HOWEVER, answered a call for help and through Nancy's Christmas Fund, gave enough money to provide for her care and training.

The appendicitis operation interfered for a brief while, but she is back, doubly determined to make up for the time she lost. From the school for spastics in Far Hills, N. J., she sent her thanks to all those who sent cheering cards while she was convalescing.

"Dear Friends," she wrote. "Now that I'm up and about, I would like to thank you for the cards. They brought sunshine into my room. There was a card in every mail. Thank you again for everything you've done for me. My best wishes, Nancy Dalgleish."

Nancy Ann Dalgleish breaks into a laugh as she exercises with the help of special braces and "duck feet."

Rummage sale, Parkerford Baptist Church, YWCA, Nov. 11, 12, 13.

Quick Radio Repairs. Call 2838. J. Pegely & Son, 23 High St.

Sweet cider by gallon or barrel. Lloyd's Orchard, Pott 204-J-3.

Rummage sale today, 9 to 4. Zion's chapel, Chestnut near Hanover.

Settle for Mem. Hos. Aux. tickets today at Kessler's from 1 to 4.

Open during alterations. Green's Records, 866 High St. Phone 1334.

O'Dell Brothers, Fine Beers and Beverages. Phone 40.

Turkeys alive or dressed. William Emsert Jr. Phone Pott. 978-B-4.

No Armistice Called On Newsclips, Battle For Prizes Continues

No armistice has been declared on newsclips!

In fact, Mercury readers today will welcome a new chance to battle for top honors in The Mercury's weekly news clip contest.

While the nation will pause to observe Armistice Day on Thursday, Mercury readers will continue to scout around for those newsworthy events that will bring them plenty of extra cash.

Perhaps the best fighters of all will be this week's three top prize winners and two tipsters who took honorable mention cash awards.

LEADING THE parade to win the \$5 first prize was Barbara Groover, 122 Berks street, who called when seven-year-old Patricia Ann Deura, 16 H street, Sower, was struck by a car just after she left a school bus at the corner of Vine street and School lane. The youngster suffered serious injuries when she ran into the path of the on-coming car.

Close behind was the \$3 second prize winner, Herbert J. Reisen, Boyetown RD 1. Reisen called to tell The Mercury about a Gilbertsville election bet which led to a story on the time-honored "Salt River parade." The bet was paid off when Jack Erdman, an ardent Republican, pushed Marguerite Undercuffler, Democratic committeewoman, the length of Gilbertsville in a wheelbarrow.

Mrs. Robert Hoppe, Parkerford, won the \$2 third prize for the story of a wounded pheasant which

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ON THE MAIN DRAG

LOUIS YOUNG

—telling about a telephone call.

EUGENE STOFFO

—buying a large sweater.

KENNETH QUERY

—executing some jutting steps.

MARGIE KOVAL

—enjoying an "after-the-game" gabfest.

EDITH STEFF

—complaining of too much walking.

IRENE CORBETT

—discussing teaching methods.

MARY OZOBOSKI

—patiently waiting to pay for a loaf of bread.

MARY JOHNSON

—proudly telling friends about his new neighbor.

WARREN EYGL

—hunting for his lost son.

SAM WARTENSTINE

—trying out a new technique.

Mrs. Roosevelt Urges Democrats Bar States' Righters From Party

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—Democratic Chairman J. Howard McGrath said tonight the choice of Congressional committee heads will be left entirely up to the Democratic members of the new Senate and House.

McGrath's comment was made to a reporter who asked about a proposal of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt that Southern States Rights party members who campaigned against President Truman be read out of the Democratic party.

Without commenting directly on Mrs. Roosevelt's suggestion, the national chairman indicated that so far as he is concerned the national committee will not attempt to interfere in the choice of committee leaders in the 81st Congress. He said the past Friday there would be no reprisals for Southern Democrats.

Mrs. Roosevelt had proposed specifically that committee chairmanships be denied to Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss.), whom she called "one of the worst reactionaries" and to Senator Olin Johnson (D-Sc.), whom she accused of having "snubbed" President Truman.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT

JOHNSON WAS A pre-convention foe of Mr. Truman but announced before the election that he was voting for the President. He would be eligible for a Senate committee chairmanship only if Senator Chavez (D-NM) were to decide not to take the chairmanship of the post office and civil service committee, which Johnson also is serving on that committee.

The senior Democrat on the Senate public works committee and might elect to take that chairmanship instead.

Rankin is the senior Democrat on the House veterans affairs committee and would be in line for its chairmanship.

The Mississippian at his home in Tupelo responded to Mrs. Roosevelt with the brief comment: "The less the American people hear from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the better off the country will be."

Johnson said only "I did not hear the speech (by Mrs. Roosevelt), but even if I had, I would have no comment."

Officials at the Democratic national committee said that Mrs. Roosevelt must have been misinformed about Johnson's part in the campaign.

Bennett Meyers Loses Plea to Set Aside Conviction

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—Bennett E. Meyers, former Army Air Force general, today lost his appeal from the conviction that sent him to jail.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the conviction by a 2 to 1 decision. Since the past March, Meyers has been in the District of Columbia jail serving a sentence of from 20 months to five years.

The specific charge against him was subornation of perjury—inducing another person to lie. It broke in a sensational hearing by the Senate war investigating committee the past year, which looked into the affairs of a war contracting firm, The Aviation Electric company, of Dayton, Ohio.

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3 NATIONS HIT FOR GIVING AID TO GREEK REBELS

U. N. Political Committee Opens Attack on Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia

PARIS, Nov. 8 (AP)—The political committee of the United Nations assembly formally condemned Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia tonight for aiding Greek guerrillas and violating the U. N. charter.

The condemnation was backed by 47 of the 58 committee members. It was the strongest action taken so far by any U. N. body against the three Soviet satellites. Russia and other members of the Soviet bloc refused to vote.

The committee's action was on one crucial paragraph of a resolution put up by the United States, France, Britain and China. The entire resolution still must be voted on tomorrow, but its passage was forecast by tonight's ballot.

Bitter words flew in the noisy committee meeting where the chairman, Premier Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, angrily accused the Soviet bloc of "systematically sabotaging" the Balkan debate.

Spaak lost his patience at the repeated moves of Yugoslav Delegate Ales Bebler, Polish Delegate Juliusz Katz-Suchy and other Slav representatives to fight the four-power resolution at every step.

He charged Bebler was abusing his privileges in the committee and frequently appealed to the Yugoslav to be considerate.

Bebler and Katz-Suchy lost two attempts to get a vote of censure against the U. N. special committee on the Balkans (UNSCOB). They were voted down 49 to 6 and 50 to 6, with the Soviet bloc voting alone both times.

Armistice in Palestine May Be Ordered by U. N.

PARIS, Nov. 8 (AP)—The United Nations Security council will meet privately tomorrow to consider ordering the Jews and Arabs to enter into an armistice in Palestine, a reliable informant said tonight. Such an armistice would replace the Holy Land's present shaky truce.

The closed session was called at the request of Dr. Ralph Bunche, the acting Palestine mediator. The informant said Bunche will present to the council his concept of what the next step should be in the effort to settle the Palestine problem.

Bunche believes a definite end to fighting in the Holy Land is necessary before a political settlement can be reached, the source said. The acting mediator reportedly will propose that the council order both the Jews and the Arabs to work through the U. N. to:

1. Settle all outstanding problems of the present truce.
2. Look toward establishment of an armistice.

Involved in the second point is the wide separation of Israeli and Arab forces, setting up broad demilitarized zones and reduction of both sides' armed forces.

THE CLOSED SESSION will be the first of two council sessions tomorrow on Palestine. There will be an open meeting later.

In the later meeting the council will have before it a British plan to extend to all Palestine a council order requiring Israeli forces to withdraw from Southern desert positions they won in October.

One source said the United States was not likely to support the British plan. The plan mainly would require Israeli withdrawals since Jewish forces have pushed forward recently in the north as well as in the south.

The Palestine case caused a flurry of huddles inside and outside the U. N. headquarters today. These had to do with one question: What did Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, Bunche's chief of staff, tell representatives of Egypt, Lebanon and

Jap Defendants Ask Reading of Dissents

TOKYO, Nov. 8 (AP)—All 25 defendants in the Japanese war crimes trial asked today for a public reading of any dissents to the majority judgement now being delivered.

Ben Bruce Blakeney, of Oklahoma City, counsel for Shigenori Togo, filed the petition on behalf of all the defendants. He said he had reliable information at least one and possibly three dissenting opinions had been prepared but that a majority of the 11 judges had voted not to read them.

Blakeney intimated if the tribunal

took no action he would take it up with General MacArthur. The occupation commander has the sole review power over the court's acts.

JAPS SIGN TRADE PACT
LONDON, Nov. 8 (AP)—A \$220,000,000 trade agreement between Japan and British Commonwealth countries was announced tonight. It will more than triple Japan's commerce with the sterling area.

Key U.S. Officials Help Plan Pact

HERFORD, Germany, Nov. 8 (AP)—A group of senior American officers took a direct part today in talks aimed at planning for the defense of Western Europe.

The officers, led by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor in Germany, represented the Army, Navy and Air Force. They met with Viscount Montgomery, the British field marshal who is chairman of the military committee of the Western European alliance.

France and Belgium also were represented at the conference.

The meeting took place in a British army hut in Melle. Security guards ringed the hut and traffic near the area was rigidly controlled.

In Paris, a French foreign office spokesman said France's version of the projected seven-nation North Atlantic military pact is "almost complete."

Syria in a three-hour meeting here the past Saturday.

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Paul Ochs Named First Prize Winner In Football Contest

A week ago, judges ran across 20 coupons with perfect scores in The Mercury's grid guessing contest. Yesterday the judges checked 103 coupons entered in the seventh weekly football contest and found only one coupon with a perfect score.

Judges said the big drop was due to a number of upsets in collegiate and high school games over the weekend. The Pottstown High-Coatesville High tussle gave many contestants trouble as did the Penn-Penn State game and the Lafayette-Rutgers contest.

The coupon with the perfect score in the seventh weekly contest bore the name of Paul Ochs, 109 Main street, Ravensford. He was named the winner of contest. He was the best quarterback in the field of 103 contestants.

Ochs will receive four tickets to Pottstown High's final home game of the 1948 football season Saturday afternoon. Bridgeport High will furnish the opposition.

ONLY FIVE contestants were able to select nine correct winners from the list of ten games. After checking over the five coupons with nine winners, judges awarded second prize to Russell Matthews, 229 North Evans street.

Matthews gained the nod over the other four contestants because his scores were closer to the original results. He will receive two tickets to the Pottstown-Bridgeport tussle.

Coupons for eighth weekly contest appeared in the past Saturday's edition of The Mercury. Make your selections today and send the coupon to The Mercury. Winners will receive free tickets to the North Coventry-West Potomac game on Thanksgiving Day.

Ochs' scores:
Coatesville 12, Pottstown 6.
West Potomac 26, Collegeville 9.
Penn State 20, Penn 13.
Northwestern 35, Wisconsin 13.
Texas 17, Baylor 7.
Dartmouth 52, Columbia 30.
Rutgers 27, Lafayette 14.
Illinois 21, Harvard 10.
Temple 19, Syracuse 7.
California 27, UCLA 7.
Original scores:
Coatesville 12, Pottstown 14.
West Potomac 25, Collegeville 19.
Penn State 13, Penn 10.
Northwestern 16, Wisconsin 7.
Texas 12, Baylor 10.
Dartmouth 26, Columbia 21.
Illinois 14, Iowa 0.
Temple 20, Syracuse 0.
California 28, UCLA 11.

NINE WINNERS—Jerry Kalamoon, Ray Vandevelde, Norman Heid, Mrs. Harry Ellis and Russell Matthews.

EIGHT WINNERS—Francis Koenig, Michael Kitzel, John Lengyel, Larry Hoffman, Johnny Dori, Bob Welles, Bill Shaner, Kenny Zern, Stanley Gorka, Guy Kozak, Ed Ham, Merker, Bill McGaughlin and Kenneth Brunner.

SEVEN WINNERS—Robert Beckley, Patrick Antonio, Stanley Yuro, Carl Saylor, Tom Koenig, Cecilia Koenig, Kenney Hughes, Richard Kiser, Paul Bromberger, Carroll Drumheller, Billy Wilson, Don Skean, Edward Thomas, Thomas Jacob, Lorie Jane Kline, Rau Hosen, Robert Drumheller, Robert Hallman, Leo Lawler, Jack Schumacher, Ray Brock, Gerald Flicker, Lawrence G. Merrill Boyer, Jules Chuck and John Swavely.

SIX WINNERS—Bill Fischer, Daniel Schusko, Joseph Rencase, James Koenig, Harry Ellis, Bernadette Kunkin, E. Biehl, W. A. VanBuren, Bill Seyler, Charles Hess, Jack Rutter, Dolores Sammel, Ernest Fox, Bill Reamy, Ernest Gaugler, Betty Roeder, LeRoy Stiel, Gladys Stricker, Carl Stahl, Albert Gnom, Frank Buttar and Raymond Falout.

FOUR WINNERS—John Hane, Joseph Koenig, Barton Marquette, Morris Shellenberger, Frances Ziegler and Richard White.

THREE WINNERS—Lee Wamsher.

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Trophy to Filchok



Frank Filchok, kicked out of pro football in the U. S. in a New York bribery scandal, was awarded the Imperial Oil trophy in Toronto, Canada, as outstanding player in the Ontario Rugby union. The 32-year-old native of Pittsburgh, Pa., is the second U. S. import in succession to win the trophy. Last year it went to Bob Paffrath, former Minnesota gridman.

Army, California Invited To Play Benefit Game

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (AP)—The Daily Mirror said tonight it had learned that Army had been invited to play California in a post-season charity football game.

Both teams are unbeaten and untied. California is the current favorite for the host spot in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1.

The Mirror reported an unimpeachable source closely associated with the athletic organization at the military academy had disclosed the bid was made the past Saturday night by a film executive.

Lt. Col. O. C. Krueger, graduate manager of athletics at West Point, said he had no knowledge of such a proposal.

"If such a bid came it would be turned down," Krueger added.

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IKE WILLIAMS KO VICTOR OVER BUDDY GARCIA

Lightweight Champ Flattens Texan Just As First Round Ends

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8 (AP)—Ike Williams, 140, lightweight champion, let loose with a knockout blow as the bell ended the first round to score a quick non-title victory over Buddy Garcia, 136, of Galveston, Tex., at the Arena tonight.

The round had been comparatively tame until just before the bell sounded ending the opening session of the scheduled ten-rounder. Williams then came up with a right-handed bolo punch to Garcia's body.

Garcia fell flat on his face and was carried to his corner. When his handlers were unable to revive him during the intermission, Referee Dave Beloff declared Williams the winner in a one-round knockout.

THE TEXAN, appearing in his most important bout, had carried the fight to the lightweight king through the greater part of the round. Garcia kept his left in Ike's face while the champion withheld his fire until he found an opening.

After being revived, Garcia, said:

"I fell all right. I heard the bell and then I was hit. Then I drew a blank."

The victory was the 19th straight for Williams who won undisputed possession of the title by knocking out Bob Montgomery. It also was Ike's first non-title fight after three successful defenses of his title since the past May.

Baby Trojans Drop 19-7 Tilt To Coatesville

The Baby Trojans' three-game winning streak received a severe jolt yesterday afternoon as Coatesville High's junior varsity eleven, registered a 19-7 decision on its home gridiron.

The Trojans' record now stands at three wins and two losses. Coach Bill McGee's gridmen have beaten Phoenixville, West Chester and Conshohocken.

Coatesville opened scoring in the second period, sending one of its speedy halfbacks around end for 50 yards and a touchdown for a 6-0 halftime lead.

Driving right down the field, the Raiders scored early in the third quarter and added another TD later in the same period on a 65-yard punt return. The third period ended with the Raiders sporting a 19-0 lead over the Trojans.

Pottstown tallied its only touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Trojans halted the Raiders on the Pottstown 15-yard line and then marched 85 yards for its lone six-pointer. Earl Decker and Al Piazza chalked up nice gains to move the piggins into Coatesville territory.

Piazza then tossed a 20-yard pass to Tom Pollock for a first down and then Al Walton raced to the five-yard stripe for another first down. Walton slashed off tackle to score two plays later.

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Up and Over But Only for Two Yards



Mike Graham (35), Los Angeles Dons' back, goes up and over but for only two yard gain in third quarter of New York Yankees-Dons All-America conference game at Yankee stadium, N. Y. Bringing him down is Yankees' center Lou Sossman (23), aided by teammate Van Davis (55) who is grabbing Graham's left foot. Yankees won, 38-6.

White Winds Up Training for Bout With Golden Gloves Champ Here

Willie White, Pottstown middleweight, last night wound up his training for tomorrow night's bout with Herb Washington, Pennsylvania Golden Gloves champion from Harrisburg.

Washington and White will clash in the feature event of tomorrow night's amateur show in the Pottstown Armory. Ten fights have been scheduled.

White held his final workout in a Reading gymnasium last night and sparred eight rounds with four partners, going two rounds with each. His manager, Al Corbett, said he looked exceptionally good and added that White will be in top shape for the fight.

THE POTTSTOWN fighter will have a light workout tonight to stay limber. Corbett said he will do a little rope jumping and a little shadow boxing.

Washington was scheduled to appear here in the last amateur show. He had trouble with his auto, however, and was unable to make the trip.

The Texas-Oklahoma game decided the annual owner of the Cow-boy Hat Trophy. A bronze tenn-gallon sombrero goes to the winner for a year's stay.

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BABY BEARS TOP MUHLENBERG IN GRID FRAY, 13-6

Barry Fisher Scores Both Touchdowns for Boyertown Junior Varsity

Boyertown High's junior varsity football team chalked up its fourth consecutive victory yesterday afternoon, defeating Muhlenberg Township's Baby Bears, 13-6, at Muhlenberg.

The Baby Bears close their season next week when they play host to Spring City's junior varsity eleven. Roversford holds the only triumph over the Boyertown team.

Boyertown scored first yesterday, tabbing a touchdown in the first period. Muhlenberg, however, tied the score at 6-6 in the second quarter and then Boyertown clinched the victory with its second TD in the third stanza.

WITH THE SCORE tied at 6-6, the Bears marched 50 yards following a Muhlenberg punt to go ahead for the second time in the game. Barry Fisher climaxed the 50-yard march by smashing off tackle for 24 yards and a touchdown. Dave Garber converted the extra point.

Fisher also scored Boyertown's first touchdown. The Bears recovered a Muhlenberg fumble on the latter's 45-yard line and moved the piggins to the 14-yard line from where Fisher circled right end to score standing up. Garber's placement kick was no good.

Muhlenberg tied the score in the second period on a four-yard buck by Dick Burkhardt, following a sustained drive down the field.

Lineups:
Pos. Boyertown Muhlenberg
LE Schell Hartman
LT Standaert Oomseder
LG Smith Heckenman
C Clark Hetrick
RG Garber Slupe
RT Steltz Brown
RE Schwartz Caronice
QB Coons Brozman
LHB Rothenberger Decker
RHB Neiser Dutt
FB Unker Williams

Score by periods: 6 0 7 0-13
Boyertown 6 0 7 0-13
Muhlenberg 0 6 0 0-6

Meyers Gives Trojans One Day Vacation

Coach Herber T. Meyers gave his Pottstown High football team a vacation yesterday as he mapped new defense for the invasion of Bridgeport High's Dragons Saturday.

Meyers said the entire squad came through Saturday's game against Coatesville in good shape and everyone will be available for the Bridgeport tussle.

Bridgeport dropped a 6-0 decision to the Trojans a year ago. The Dragons will be looking for their first win over Pottstown since their 15-12 upset in 1944 on Franklin Field.

Major League Draft May Change Future Of Bonus Players

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (AP)—The major league draft meeting at Cincinnati, Nov. 10, shapes up as a headache for bonus minded baseball club owners.

Of the record total of 5370 eligibles in the annual draft, 270 are bonus-tag players. These are the athletes who received figures exceeding \$5000 to sign, but were not recalled from the minors by the big league clubs at the close of the season.

Among the most publicized—and highest paid—bonus players falling into this category are Hugh Radcliffe and George Zoeterman. Radcliffe, property of the Philadelphia Phillies, is listed on the Toronto roster. Zoeterman, Chicago Cub chameleon, is on the Los Angeles list.

Radcliffe is the lad who hit the headlines the past June with his sensational pitching for a high school in Thomaston, Ga. Scouted by nearly every team in the majors, he was finally corralled by the Phils who parted with a reported \$40,000 to get their man. The 18-year-oldster was farmed to Wilmington of the Interstate league and moved up to Toronto.

ZOETERMAN was the central figure the past winter in a controversy between Leslie O'Connor, then Chicago White Sox general manager, and Commissioner A. B. Chandler which finally resulted in Zoeterman's release and \$500 fine imposed upon the club.

A product of the Chicago Christian High school, Zoeterman finally was signed by the Cubs who gained title to him after outbidding 10 other clubs. The 17-year-old boy was farmed to Decatur, Ill., of the Three-I league where he pitched 28 games and had a 3-5 won lost record, and worked up in Los Angeles.

Other high priced draftable bonus kids include Charlie Lare, Montreal; Bill Smith and Martin Hansen, Toronto; Thad Del Guercio, Seattle; Ralph Brinkner, Rudy Menachin and Rudolph Rufer, Utica.

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Pottstown Moose Plan Annual Christmas Party

Pottstown Lodge 388, Loyal Order of Moose, last night prepared for its annual Christmas party for children and members. Tentative date set for the affair was Dec. 21.

This Sunday at 2:30 p. m. the Pottstown lodge will be host to 300 members of District 3, comprising 11 lodges of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Raymond Musser, trustee of the local lodge, is secretary of the district and Earl B. Beechler, lodge secretary, is district president.

Leslie Boughter, governor, last night presided at the meeting of the members. Four were initiated into membership and ten applied for membership.

SCHOOL BOARD

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purchase cannot be made until July when the new fiscal year begins.

While the bleachers were under discussion, Dr. Weber commented that Edward Y. Good, high school athletic director, had told him that Northtown High school would not return to a Pottstown football field until there were enough seats.

He said that when Upper Merion played here, the Upper Merion band, after playing on the field, returned to find the seat-seeking crowd had commandeered their places.

THE DELEGATION OF mothers

came to the meeting at the invitation of Dr. Weber.

Most of the talking for the group was done by Mrs. David H. Schoenly, of Hillcrest, although others volunteered enlargements on her points.

She said that on the first day of school this year her young daughter "came home crying, I flunked," Mrs. Schoenly said her daughter's report card with its great number of "S's" (satisfactory) had given her no warning.

Few mothers of children in Pottstown elementary schools know where their children stand, she said, unless they are constantly comparing report cards with other mothers.

She then took up the Cordis reading system, which stresses "key words" and phonetics. Although conceding the system worked well for some children, Mrs. Schoenly said it often failed with children who were slow at learning.

DR. WEBER, a master of the Hill, asserted at this point that a "comprehensive report" of educational experts has shown the Cordis reading method to be "a system that was tried and found wanting."

He turned to the board president, "Is that right, Mr. Robbins?"

President George Robbins agreed that the particular report had ranked the Cordis method below three or four other systems.

While Mrs. Schoenly continued her discussion, there was increasing mention made by her and the others present of the fact that Pottstown school children speak of those who do not attend school as "dummies" or in "the dummy class."

By implication, two other board members, Victor J. Roberts and Hilt-we, backed contentions that the "levels" system could not avoid the stigma of "flunking" and that apparently there had been some discrimination in its implementation.

DR. WEBER SAVED his sharpest fire for the report cards, which are intended to indicate how a child is performing at the level to which he has been assigned, not how he is doing in comparison with other children of his own age.

He waved a disgusted hand over the report of Mrs. Schoenly's daughter, "This, he declared angrily, is the silliest report I have ever seen. The card says 'I enjoyed working with Susan.' Now what does that mean?" he asked.

He also called attention to the fact that a child, at least theoretically, could remain in one level for four years, re-reading the same books, and still get nothing but satisfactory marks.

The mothers also were indignant that their children after apparently passing to a higher level at the end of a school term, should be sent back to previous levels as the result of "surveys" taken of the child's advancement at the beginning of the next term.

DR. HAISTON, in a mild-speaking defense of the system, emphasized these points:

1. The Cordis reading method and the "levels" system are entirely separate.

2. The median mark of scholastic achievement by Pottstown students compares favorably with that of Pennsylvania or the nation.

3. No system could change the fact that some students will not progress to the parents' satisfaction. In other matters considered briefly by the board, two suggestions for school improvements were postponed.

One was for purchase of a \$400 battery of fluorescent lights for the drafting room.

The other was for uniforms for the Junior High school band, although the band was authorized to conduct its own fund-raising drive.

Two regular teachers were appointed for part-time teaching at the Evening Extension school, Calvin J. Cressman and Mrs. Thelma Robinson.

DR. J. J. MULLIN and Dr. Charles Baylor were named medical and dental examiners, respectively, for St. Aloysius parochial school. Funds to pay these men are advanced by the board but repaid by the State.

Mrs. Elsie S. Melnick, Parkersford, was elected as a substitute teacher in the elementary schools. She had taught at Limerick.

W. O. Cressman, director of vocational education, received praise in absentia from the board as the result of a letter from the officer of the U. S. Office of Education who had visited the Pottstown schools and found ingenious, novel and economical use being made of U. S. surplus property.

The only absent member was Earl J. Reidenow.

BUSH DEFENDS

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a union, they will have the opportunity of expressing their desire by casting a ballot in an election contemplated being held by the State Labor board on a request for such an election by a petition submitted jointly by the organizing unit, and the borough of Pottstown.

"We recently held a meeting as an employee, eliminating any possibility of political interference, to discuss our position regarding a union of borough employees, and also to formulate any policy which is necessary to control the conduct of the committees or spokesmen for the borough who may at some future date have to sit down and meet with a union organization."

"We anticipate the necessity for more such meetings, and we are well aware that the union will hold similar meetings of their own group."

"Any future meetings on this subject will be held with the members of borough council who are the employers in this instance."

"It is unfortunate that the borough finds itself with seasonal layoffs at a time when this organization of borough employees is in progress. The borough has no intention of fighting the desires of their employees to organize, but it does find itself faced with the necessity of curtailing operations in order to live within its budget, as bound by State law."

"I feel that I, as president of council, should be fully blamed for any action by the borough regarding laying off employees if such action should be construed by an individual as an unfair labor practice."

"The borough definitely has no intention of retaliating, any action which would be a definite unfair labor practice, and if such action has taken place, it has been done by us based on ignorance of the fact."

"I trust that this statement will be accepted in behalf of the entire council, but if any individual member wishes to differ with this statement, he may do so at this time."

No one did differ with it.

GERALD J. DALY, Ninth ward, rose to ask council to approve Bush's remarks as "the thought of the entire council." The motion was carried unanimously.

Also without demurring, council approved that the State Labor board election be held to give the highway and sewer workers an opportunity to vote whether or not they wanted a union, and if so, which one.

The motion was presented by Daly, who headed a meeting of the highway and sewer committees the past Oct. 29, when it was adopted.

L. Stanley Mauger, assistant borough solicitor, was given a petition at the end of the two-hour council session by representatives of the United Cordis workers, an affiliate of the United Mine workers. An election will be sought by both groups.

At Mauger's suggestion, council approved a resolution authorizing one or more of its members to act as petitioners in seeking the State Labor board election.

In the meeting, Peter Schneider, of Stowe, a representative of the UGW, (UAW) who has been active in organizing the workers, and Darby Clark, high street, president of the newly-formed union of borough employees, sat in the rear of the room, but offered no comment on council's actions.

ALLEN K. DAVIDHEISER, reporting for his special theater purchase committee, told council that only a few days ago the owners of the old opera house on King street, adjacent to borough hall, had written of their willingness to sell the building to the council.

Davidheiser said his group would meet with the finance committee, of which he also is chairman, to prepare a report and recommendations for the December council meeting.

The building has been suggested for future borough hall offices, storage space for borough vehicles and possibly in the future, a community center.

DALY HAD his usual busy night, giving full reports for his committees.

The Ninth ward Democrat now heads a special Penn. Village committee. This group was formed to give any possible help to the 74 tenants who faced eviction because their income exceeded the limits set by the Government project.

The past Thursday, however, it was disclosed that 29 of the tenants could stay, since the income levels had been raised.

Daly reported on the Nov. 4 meeting of his committee, a representative of the Public Housing authority, headquarters at New York City, and council's housing committees and other borough officials.

At the next meeting of his group, he declared, Pottstown's social agencies' representatives will be present to advise on any help they may give evicted tenants.

Of the 45 tenants who face eviction from Penn. Village, 25 are veterans, Bush told council. Families of these men are eligible for residence in Hilldale, but the others have no recourse to government help.

Bush added, "The thought of buying the project is definitely out—this type of project cannot be bought."

DALY ALSO TOOK the floor to report for his combined highway-sewer committee.

He told of the work done during the past month, and of the agreement reached with the Pottstown township commissioners on the costs of the Glasgow street sewer at a joint meeting the past Oct. 13.

J. Max Cresswell, West ward, chairman of the police committee, told his fellow-councilmen of his session with representatives of the Reading Railroad company, when the question of a bridge at South Franklin street, along the railroad property, came up again.

George P. Ruysak, Third ward, who has frequently and angrily

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ing Mulberry street, between Washington and Warren streets.

A new, special committee, to help with the sessions of the Pennsylvania Forensic League, scheduled to be held here Apr. 28-30, 1949, was formed last night.

Earl R. Strange, West ward, told council that 6000 high school boys and girls would be in Pottstown then, and that housing and other facilities would be needed.

Speaking of the competitions in Oil City the past year, when the Pottstown Senior High school band and glee club ran off with top honors, Strange commented, "I think Pottstown should show it is just as hospitable as Oil City."

It was Bush who suggested, "We need more than just quiet approval. I think there should be a special committee to work with Mr. Strange."

The special committee, as chosen by Bush, included William F. Lamb Sr., Eighth ward, chairman; Daniel C. Kern, Fifth ward; Elizabeth R. Heck, Second ward; W. Mark Henricks and Clinton H. Miller, Tenth ward.

BOROUGH MANAGER DOW J. Sears reported to council briefly. He told of the water mains laid through the borough and Stowe the past two months; the 24-inch valve installed at the water department filter plant; new service connections made, and new meters and repaired old meters installed.

"We are making good inroads on the bad meter situation," Sears declared.

He also brought council up to date on the Pottstown Municipal airport. State grants of \$18,000 have been approved, he said, and the Harnsburg engineering firm has been contracted to lay out the airport.

Bids will be sought for construction work, Sears said.

The two absentees last night were Harold Spear and William B. Twaddell, both of the Fourth ward.

Twaddell, council was told, has entered a veterans' hospital in Philadelphia for treatment of a chronic condition.

The Rev. Edward S. Horn, pastor of St. James Lutheran church, delivered the invocation.

HOUSE BLAZE

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The blaze started, Nagle said he believed, from some hot ashes which were dumped into a peach basket between the furnace and a pile of firewood.

THE ASHES came from an open fireplace in the basement game room, adjoining the furnace room.

The blaze licked around two big, full oil tanks which supply the furnace. Neither caught fire or exploded.

After the firemen left, the birthday party continued.

REP. THOMAS

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alone was accused on three other counts.

U. S. District Attorney George Morris Pay told newsmen that the trial, under normal procedure, would not begin before January.

He said Thomas is scheduled to appear Nov. 16 for arraignment.

At his home in Allendale, N. J., Thomas told a reporter he had "nothing to say at this moment" about the charges, but might have a statement later. Thomas had refused to testify before the grand jury, after first demanding the grand jury.

NEWSTIPS

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crashed through the double windows of her sun parlor after he had been shot. The family dined on pheasant—under \$11 worth of shattered glass.

WINNERS OF THE honorable mention cash awards were Leonard Raab Pottstown RD 1, who reported that the home of Walter H. Thomas had been burgled, and Neil Lisenby, 549 Spruce street, who reported a two car accident near Gilbertsville Sunday night.

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SHIPPING TIPS AVOIDED

NEW YORK, Nov. (Tuesday) (AP)—A threatened group of East coast shipping by 45,000 APT longshoremen was averted early today, a Federal conciliator announced.

demanding the erection of a fence along an embankment at the railroad edge to prevent accidents, last night pressed for immediate action.

Maufer assured him, however, that "we couldn't put up a fence on private property without the owner's permission," and Bush and Cresswell succeeding in calming Ruysak.

Cresswell said he hoped a definite report on the fence situation could be made at the Dec. 13 meeting of council.

Among the complaints brought to the council was one by William S. Reifsnnyder, Sixth ward, who asked for street light at the intersection of South street and Centre avenue.

Reifsnnyder also repeated his monthly request that "something be done" about the parking situation on King street, east of Washington street.

Cresswell promised his police committee would "give it more consideration."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

HAMPFORD — On Sunday, Nov. 7, 1948, Rebecca, wife of the late Robert Hamford, 566 N. Third street, died at her home, aged 73 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the service on Thursday at 2 p. m. at the First Presbyterian church, 100 N. Third street. Interment in Radnor, Pa. Friends may call Wednesday evening 7 to 9 p. m. at the home.

BRADLEY — In Douglasville on Sunday, Nov. 7, 1948, Mrs. Alice O. (nee Greenwood) Bradley, aged 91 years, died at her home, 100 N. Third street. Relatives and friends are invited to the service on Thursday at 2 p. m. at the First Presbyterian church, 100 N. Third street. Interment in Radnor, Pa. Friends may call Wednesday evening 7 to 9 p. m. at the home.

ELIAS — On Friday, Nov. 5, 1948, Daniel E. Elias, husband of Rosa E. (Quinter) Elias, age 56 years, died at his home, 100 N. Third street. Relatives and friends are invited to the service on Thursday at 2 p. m. at the First Presbyterian church, 100 N. Third street. Interment in Radnor, Pa. Friends may call Wednesday evening 7 to 9 p. m. at the home.

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Union Pickets Defy Orders of Sheriff in Columbus Strike

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 8 (AP)—CIO members picketed Sheriff Ralph J. Paul today and kept a 30-man picket line outside the American Zinc Oxide company plant.

Company officials had hoped to reopen the plant—shut down since Aug. 13—this morning. When the union massed strikers at the main gate, Paul and six deputies drove up. The sheriff said the pickets were violating the state riot act. He gave them an hour to leave.

"We'll maintain our lines," said Raymond Dennis of Cleveland, an international union representative, "until we win the strike."

TWO HOURS AFTER his deadline, the sheriff said he would not move against the pickets unless the company obtained a court injunction against mass picketing. The company said its attorneys were drafting the petition and it would be filed as soon as possible.

The sheriff said he decided not to arrest the pickets because he did not want to risk having someone hurt under the circumstances.

The company said the main issue in dispute is company insistence that national union officers sign non-Communist affidavits required under the Taft-Hartley act. Similar strikes are underway at company plants in East St. Louis, Ill.; Hillsboro, Ill.; and Metairie, La.

Three other company plants—Atmosphere, Ill.; Mascot, Tenn.; and Dumas, Tex.—are operating after employees voted against the CIO union, in favor of the AFL Chemical Workers union.

"We handle a considerable amount of work for the armed forces, and we feel we simply can not accept a union when there is a serious question as to the loyalty of some of its international officers," Ralph C. Perkins, company industrial relations director, told newsmen.

"WE DON'T CARE what union the men select," he added, "just so its officers sign the non-Communist pledges. That is the only issue."

Another international representative, Ralph Locke, in outlining the union side, said the company signed contracts "for years" with the CIO union.

"Last June it was fashionable to ask for non-Communist affidavits," he added, "and that's what the company asked for them. Now that the Republicans lost the election, it isn't quite so fashionable."

The union, he said, wants a pay increase of about 12 cents an hour and improved working conditions.

Gains Time



Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino (above), known during the war as Tokyo Rose, was given until Nov. 22 to enter her plea to treason charges. Her trial will be conducted in San Francisco. She was to have entered a plea yesterday but the court granted a postponement.

Star American Farmer To Be Feted by Optimists

Robert Shaner, the young Amurville farmer who became Star American Farmer of Pennsylvania, will be honored for his achievements and his inspiration to youth at the Optimist Week celebration of the Pottstown Optimist club tonight.

Shaner will be a guest of the club at his meeting in Art's Diner at 6:15 o'clock.

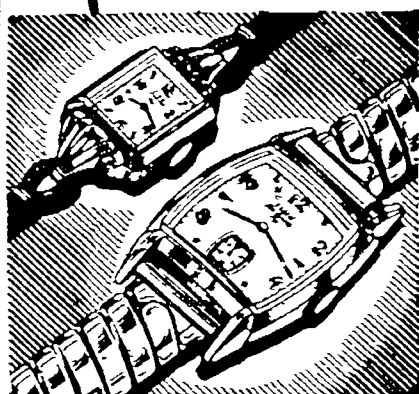
Also scheduled to appear as a guest of the group is Al Murray, Upper Darby magistrate, who will make a humorous address. Murray, who is president of the Upper Darby Optimist club, will help the local club celebrate its annual event.

DROWNED IN 6 INS. OF WATER—WILKES-BARRE, Nov. 8 (AP)—William Renard, 18 son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Renard, Baltimore, Md., was drowned in six inches of water in Beaver Run creek, near here today after suffering a fainting spell.

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Chiang Warns of Eight More Years Of War; Calls Peace Rumors Propaganda

NANKING, Nov. 8 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek told his Chinese government followers today to prepare for eight more years of war against the Communists.

He declared the current peace negotiation rumors following government military losses were Communist propaganda.

Peace, the Chinese president said, can only be attained by destruction of the Reds throughout the nation. (As he spoke there was virtually no news to be had from any of the far-flung war fronts.)

Chiang spoke to 1000 top members of his Kuomintang (governing party) plus a number of members of the legislative and control Yuan.

The scene was the weekly memorial service at the towering, many-stepped tomb of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, father of the Chinese republic.

CHIANG DESCRIBED in some detail the military and economic situations and promised that remedies were being prepared for the disasters admittedly encountered in both fields.

He acknowledged that recent Communist capture of such places as Changchun, Mukden and Chinnien constituted the greatest setback of the national revolution which he has directed since 1927.

There was no news from the Central China front, where the Communists have been pressing a little more than 100 miles north of Nanking.

It was learned definite but closely-guarded steps had been taken on both foreign and domestic policies at a secret meeting of the central political council.

The president did not mention a government shakeup, but it was

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YMCA Extension Leaders Return From Conference

Donald F. Goodnow, YMCA's work director, and William Carden, "Y" extension division head, yesterday returned from a two-day boys' work secretaries conference in Philadelphia.

The conference brought together all boys' work secretaries of the Eastern Pennsylvania district. Meetings were held in the Central YMCA. Carden led singing and one of the two sessions. Leader of the entire conference was the Rev. David F. DeMarthe, of Springfield college, Springfield, Mass.

Man Injured Stepping From Moving Train

Stepping from a passenger coach of a Reading company train before it had stopped moving, John Gross, 27 South street, suffered a laceration of the cheek Sunday night when he was thrown to the ground.

Gross was stepping from the 11:25 train from Reading when he fell. He was taken to Memorial hospital or Robert F. 363 Laurel street. Dr. Harold MacLaren, of the hospital staff, treated his injury.

Red Feather Meeting Scheduled for Tomorrow

What is hoped to be the final report meeting of the 1948 Red Feather campaign will be held at 12:10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the YMCA, as Community Chest workers aim for their goal of \$97,307.

A corrected report of the totals received at the meeting the past Nov. 3 showed that \$80,870 had been subscribed.

That figure was \$2000 higher than the total after four reports in 1947. It was pointed out, but this year's goal is 14 percent higher than the past years.

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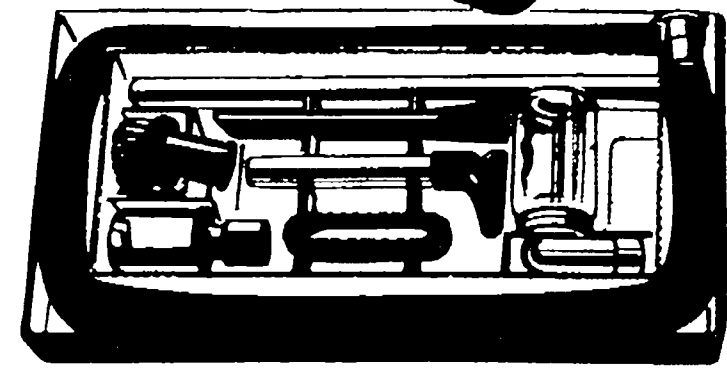
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